

62 The clerk was directed to sign and place them in the care of Joseph Townsend, and Ely Balderson for the information of the Yearly Meeting if required. "The statement being as follows"

In addition to the foregoing we have reason to believe, that under every circumstance, the Yearly Meeting came to a judicious conclusion; and what the monthly meeting for the Eastern District was satisfied with. — Had the monthly meeting for the Western District, put that construction thereon as we apprehend was intended, but the reverse appearing, it became necessary for the Eastern District to furnish them with their ideas respecting it, ^{as} ~~and~~ is contained in the information to that meeting in the 6th month last, the result of which was, not to deprive that meeting of any privilege, that they were entitled to, by the conclusion of the Yearly meeting, but it was not conceived, that they were authorized thereby to grant, Permits for interments for those which had not a right, in Society — a class of citizens residing in and near Baltimore more numerous than those in membership, and who occasionally attend meetings, but belong to no Religion

sect, whose next decrease application has been made by their connections for interments in friendly ground, — And tho' considerable indulgence has hitherto been exercised towards such characters yet in the present instance, where the monthly meeting for the Western District, is allowed the liberty to enter their deceased subject only to their proportionable part of the expenses, that may be incurred in keeping the ground inclosed & any other needful repairs, and at liberty to withdraw therefrom, when it may be occupied to the extent, (which a few years will decide with the present varying ^{place} ~~grounds~~, in the City from the continuous increase of inhabitants,) leaving all past and future expenses, attendant on the Premises (except while they were using of it) to be borne by the monthly meeting for the Eastern District, was a circumstance in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~present~~ ^{present} never contemplated, by the Yearly meeting, or that a connection should be placed between the meetings to have the joint care, of the Burying grounds, ordering of interments, insight thereof — enclosures and repairs &c. as proposed by their committee"

A Committee of the Friends are of opinion could never be approbated by the Eastern District when